

THE FEAR OF FAILURE

Psalm 145:1-9

Big Idea: *God is gracious, so we don't need to fear failure.*

⁸ “The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.”

Exodus 34:6-7 “Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; ⁷ who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.’”

Human strategy to overcome the fear of failure:

1. We seek to _____ ourselves through _____ .
2. We seek to _____ ourselves through _____ .
3. We seek to _____ ourselves as _____ .

God's strategy to overcome our fear of failure:

1. Trust His grace _____ us from our _____ failures.

Ephesians 2:8-10 “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

2. Trust His grace _____ us through our _____ struggles.

Lamentations 3:22-23 “The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

3. Trust His grace _____ us because of His _____ promise.

Romans 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1 Peter 1:13 “Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”